

JUSTIFICATION SUPPORT WORKSHEET THAT SUPPORTS 1% THRESHOLD ON ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION

All districts are required to submit information to the Nebraska Department of Education that provides support on identification of students who participate in the administration of the Alternate Assessment for the current year. This information supports the requirements of ESSA, that the Nebraska Department of Education must follow in meeting the 1% Threshold on alternate assessment participation.

COMPLETING the JUSTIFICATION SUPPORT WORKSHEET

Complete the Justification Support Worksheet along with any other forms included in this email and submit it to _____, Nebraska Department of Education, Special Education Office, at _____ by _____.

- **Complete District Name and person completing the worksheet.**
- **Complete the number of students projected to participate on the alternate assessment for the coming school year.**
 - Provide the number of students by disability and if also an EL student. (Remember include only students in grades 3 – 8 and high school)
 - If you do not have any students put a zero in the chart.
- **Provide information that supports any student who are identified in the categories of 3 – 12.**
 - (Examples of this could include: medical diagnosis, academic/intellectual functioning, adaptive behavior scores, modifications needed, deficits in communication skills and/or social skills, IQ scores, any other information besides which is required on the Alternate Assessment Criteria.)
- **Check the boxes to provide assurances that you are following the required NDE Guidance on Identification of Students.**
 - Alternate Assessment Criteria
 - IEP Team Decision Making Flow Chart
 - Most Significant Cognitive Disability Definition
- **Training for ALL Staff.**
 - Test administrators have completed required training for administering the assessment.
 - Training of all staff on the NDE Guidance on Identification of students who may qualify for the alternate assessment. (provide evidence that this has occurred)
- **Student's participation is based on meeting the criteria.**

Refer any questions or concerns to: